

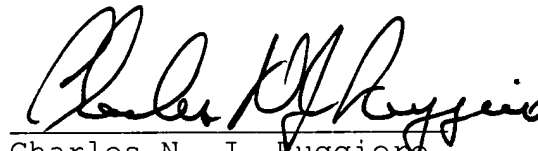
**REMARKS**

Claims 15 through 25 are presented for examination in the present application upon entry of the instant Amendment. Claims 15 through 25 have been presented to point out various aspects of the present invention.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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